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1. WASHINGTON PROGRAM AS SUMMARIZED REFTEL A APPEARS EXCEPTIONALLY FINE.

2. STOITCHKOV GAVE US Q IDRICATION HE COULD NOT STAY FULL GRANT PERIOD; WE ARE AS SURPRISED AS YOU. SINCE THIS IS SECOND CONSECUTIVE GRANTEE (SLAVKOV WAS FIRST) WHO HAS CUT HIS GRANT SHORT AFTER ARRIVAL IN U.S., IN FUTURE WE WILL TAKE SPECIAL PAINS TO IMPRESS UPON GRANTEE NECESSITY OF HOLDING TO PLANS IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

3. IMPLICATION OF REFTEL A, PARA 4, IS THAT WE VIOLATED 6 FAM IN ARRANGING STOITCHKOV'S TRAVEL. TICKETS WERE PURCHASED PER REFTEL B WITH RETURN ROUTING THROUGH PARIS. WE DO NOT KNOW HOW TICKETS WERE CHANGED TO ARRANGE HAVANA VISIT; THIS WAS DONE BY STOITCHKOV AT LAST MINUTE. HE WAS ADVISED U.S. CARRIER MUST BE USED ACROSS ATLANTIC. WE TRUST DEPARTMENT MADE ANY NECESSARY FURTHER CHANGES.
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